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1. The Tam Tru Dang (Three Column Society), an anti-Communist, anti-French Vietnamese political party, was established in Chantaburi in approximately August 1950. It is headed by Nguyen Van Binh. The main objective of the Tam Tru Dang at present appears to be that of protecting Indochinese nationals from French or Communist intimidation.
2. The society has about fifty members, Cambodians, Laotians, and Vietnamese, the majority of whom recently arrived in Chantaburi from northern Thailand. Only a few of the members are longtime residents of Chantaburi. Members of the Tam Tru Dang earn their livelihood by smuggling khaki cloth, food, sapphires, and possibly arms, between Cambodia and Thailand.

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